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From: Garvin, Shawn
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Subject: Fw: follow-up to today's interview

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From: White, Terri-A
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FYI – coordinated with/approved by Jon, Vicky and Fran.

From: Smith, Bonnie
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2014 5:33 PM
To: Ken Ward
Cc: White, Terri-A
Subject: follow-up to today's interview
Importance: High

Dear Ken,

1. You asked if EPA knows whether WVAWC has done any sampling of tap water inside people's homes and if we believe there should be residential sampling.

Response: Our drinking water program confirmed with WV Bureau of Public Health and WV American Water that none of the distribution system sampling was done in homes. Samples were collected at hydrants and other locations, where samplers could access water representative of particular pressure zones. Those samples reflected water quality in the water mains, which is water that would be delivered to homes/buildings/etc. EPA has reviewed the home flushing protocol that the Water Company has developed, and believe that if properly implemented by homeowners, the flushing should result in water quality which is representative of what is being delivered to the homes.

We also confirmed with WV Bureau of Public Health that the National Guard conducted sampling at the schools, and school samples were collected at kitchen/cafeteria taps.

2. You asked about our knowledge of enforcement actions taken by WVDEP at Freedom Industries Nitro site.

Response: EPA is aware of the enforcement actions DEP has taken at the Nitro site. EPA has visited the Poca facility to investigate staging operations of the MCHM-contaminated water.

3. You asked about sampling of soil and water at the tank farm.

Response: Sampling of water from the collection trench, a seep behind the secondary containment area, and four monitoring wells down gradient of the tank farm is underway. The samples will be analyzed for MCHM/PPH and total VOCs. EPA is awaiting the results.

4. You said CDC officials, as well as Sen. Manchin, have confirmed EPA is coming here with CDC starting tomorrow and you would like to get comments from EPA on that.

Response: I can confirm that EPA representatives will be in Charleston, West Virginia tomorrow and that will be the best time for you to get EPA comments.

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